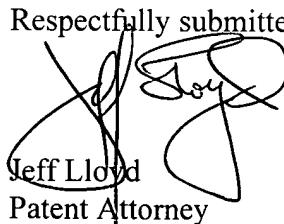


Remarks

Claims 1-22 were pending in the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/004478, filed April 28, 2004. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-12 and 14-21, cancelled claims 13 and 22, and added new claim 23. The amendments to the claims are intended to bring them into conformity with standard United States practice, and are not intended to narrow the scope of the claimed invention. Upon entry and consideration of this Amendment, claims 1-12, 14-21, and 23 will be before the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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